

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 9, 16, 22, 38, and 39 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter and remain pending. Claims 1, 5, 9, and 38 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance have been requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Kimberly Lovel for the time which she spent on December 17, 2009, discussing the outstanding office action over the telephone with Applicants' attorney, Marc E. Brown.

Mr. Brown acknowledged that the status identifier on claim 9 in the last amendment should have read "currently amended." The examiner agreed that no further action was required.

Agreement was also reached that the objection to claims 1 and 16 could be overcome by amending "entry packets in a form that may be electronically compared" in each claim to read – "entry packets in an electronically comparable form."

Miscellaneous

The examiner notes that the status identified on claims 9 should have read "currently amended." Applicant agrees. During the interview of December 17, 2009, it was agreed that no further action is required.

Specification

The abstract was objected to because it contains the phrase "is disclosed." This phrase has been removed.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 16 were objected to because they contain the phrase "may be." This phrase has been removed in a manner approved by the examiner during the interview of December 17, 2009.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that all pending claims contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 5, 9, and 38 have nevertheless been amended to change the form of the claims from method claims to storage media claims, as supported, for example, by the original published specification at paragraph [0017] and by original claims 14 and 15.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper or any other paper or matter in this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 501946, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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